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Poloff delivered reftel message on March 17 to Vesna Vukovic, head of the MFA's UN office and followed up on March 18 with Tihomir Lulic her deputy. Tihomir expressed his appreciation for receiving our position and said that their office was still conferring with their colleagues in New York regarding this issue and would likely coordinate with other european countries on any action. He indicated that Croatia understood the US position and agreed that stabilizing Somalia was very important. Any further substantive response will be reported by septel. BRADTKE